



Fred J. Hahn

Fred J. Hahn passed away peacefully in his sleep Saturday, April 3, 2010, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Fred was born August 22, 1933, to Fred J. and Rebecca Hahn. He was raised in Idaho Falls and attended Holy Rosary Catholic School and Idaho Falls High School. Fred graduated in 1955 from Carroll College in Helena, Montana, and went on to earn a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation from law school in 1958, Fred entered the graduate program at Georgetown and received an LLM in Labor Law in 1959. While obtaining his LLM, he was employed as a staff attorney by the National Labor Relations Board in the enforcement division, advocating in many Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal.

In summer 1959, Fred returned to Idaho Falls and joined William S. Holden, Robert Holden and Vern Kidwell at the firm of Holden, Holden and Kidwell, where he practiced law for many years. Fred retired from Holden, Kidwell, Hahn, and Crapo in 1995. During his years of practice, Fred was honored with many outstanding accomplishments. In the early 1960s, Fred was named the first civilian probation officer in the state of Idaho. He was the president of the Seventh Judicial Bar Association, Commissioner and President of the Idaho State Bar Association, Director and President of the Idaho Law Foundation, a member of the Advisory Board for the University of Idaho Law School and served on numerous Idaho Supreme Court Committees. Fred was the recipient of the Idaho State Bar Certificate of Achievement, the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award, and in 2000, was honored to receive the Distinguished Lawyer Award (the highest recognition given by the Idaho State Bar Association). Fred was also active in the Catholic Church and served on the Board of the Idaho Catholic Foundation, as well as Catholic charities including the Knights of Columbus, eventually serving as the Grand Knight for the state of Idaho.

In 1962, Fred married Pearl Marie Marcon, and together they raised four children.

Fred is survived by his wife, Pearl; his four children, F.J. (Neccia) Hahn of Idaho Falls, Gretchen Gleason of Lewiston, Peter Hahn of Idaho Falls and Kimberly Hahn of Idaho Falls; seven grandchildren, Hannah, Tyson, Sam, David, Lucas, Adam and Benjamin; and one great-grandson, Tai. He is also survived by brothers, Dr. Richard Gillis (Toni) Hahn and Ralph Holden; as well as sisters, Dixie (Gaylord) Smith and Shirley (Stan) Bray, Joan Hahn and Fern Holden; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

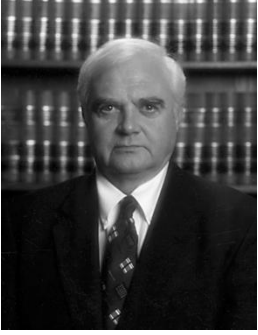
He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Hahn and Rebecca Holden; stepfather, C.R. Holden; brothers, Dr. Robert F. Hahn and C. R. Holden Jr.; brother-in-law, Robert Fisher; and sisters, Mary Fisher and Lois Holden. Fred enjoyed many passions in life and had a great love of music, dancing, skiing, tennis and the piano. His love of life touched many.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Sen. Mike Mansfield Scholarship Fund at Carroll College, 1601 Benton Ave., Helena, MT 59625; or the Idaho Law Foundation, P.O. Box 895, Boise, ID 83701.

A funeral Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, on the corner of Ninth and Lee streets in Idaho Falls, with the Rev. Jairo Restrepo celebrant. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Idaho Falls. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.buckmillerhann.com.

Family Tribute

Sheldon A. Vincenti



Sheldon A. Vincenti was born September 4, 1938 in Ogden, Utah to Arnold and Mae Vincenti. After growing up in Utah, he traveled to Boston (Cambridge), Massachusetts to attend Harvard University, where he completed his undergraduate degree in 1960 and then went on to receive his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1963. He there became a lifelong Red Sox fan. In 1964 he married Elaine Wacker.

Sheldon served in the US Army Intelligence and Security Branch, where he rose to the rank of Captain. After the Army, he practiced law in Ogden for several years before becoming the legislative and administrative assistant to US Congressman Gunn McKay in Washington, D.C. While there, he rooted for the Senators. He often spoke fondly of his experiences in politics, in both Utah and Washington, D.C.

By 1973, Sheldon and Elaine had a young son, Matthew. The family moved to Moscow, Idaho after he accepted a faculty position at the University of Idaho College of Law. Their daughter, Amanda, was born the following year. Sheldon served the law school in many capacities over his nearly 30 year career there, including twelve years as Dean. The law school was a perfect place for him to combine his passions for both the law and education. As a teacher Sheldon was especially noted for his mastery of Jurisprudence and Conflicts of Laws. As a dean Sheldon was collegial and fatherly in his approach to faculty, staff and students. His wide ranging knowledge of law, literature and philosophy made him an invaluable resource for junior colleagues. Moreover, he always found a way to say “yes” to good ideas. Indeed, his skills in managing a tight budget while fostering high morale were legendary. He and Elaine often entertained the entire faculty, along with their spouses and partners, many students and various dignitaries at their spacious home on Moscow Mountain. Sheldon was greatly respected “across the street” by the entire University of Idaho, and was known throughout the state of Idaho as a leader. He was also active in the Association of American Law Schools. After he stepped down as dean in 1995, he enjoyed teaching several semesters at the New England School of Law in Boston where he renewed his acquaintance with Fenway Park.

Sheldon made the most of his years in Moscow, and participated in many civic organizations, most notably the Democratic Party. He was part of the informal debating club, the Wranglers, and was known for his bridge-playing skills. After the children were grown, he and Elaine divorced.

In 1997, Sheldon married Donna Allen. They spent their days together sharing books, reading and writing poetry, and enjoying their peaceful property on West Twin Road on Moscow Mountain. Though he officially retired in 2002 he continued to teach at the law school for several more years and even taught courses he had never taught before. He continued to mentor young faculty and to take an active interest in the progress of the school.

Throughout his life, Sheldon enjoyed politics; he ran as the Democratic nominee for state senate in 2008. He cooked delicious meals for his family. Most evenings you could find him gazing at the breathtaking, panoramic view of the rolling Palouse from his front window or deck and listening to classical music.

Sheldon was immensely proud of his children and grandchildren and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Donna, his father Arnold, his son Matt (and Matt’s wife Renae), his daughter Amanda (and Amanda’s husband Michael) and his grandchildren Dru (12), Ashlynn (3), Quinn (4) and Eliot (6 months).

Memorial donations may be made to the University of Idaho College of Law Sheldon A. Vincenti Law Scholarship fund.